

SENATE BILL 2070

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 33; Title 40; Title 41; Title 50 and Title 71,  
relative to returning certain incarcerated persons  
to the community.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. On or before January 31, 2017, the commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services shall report to the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives concerning the feasibility of a pilot program for one (1) county that seeks to address overcrowding in jails and correction institutions by providing to certain prisoners who are released into the community with transitional services that include mental health services and supports, substance abuse treatment and counseling, health care, and employment and housing supports. The commissioner shall consult with the department of correction, the department of labor and workforce development, the bureau of TennCare, and other relevant state agencies and community stakeholders in developing this report.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.